

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Walter J. Baird
Middle School Future Problem Solvers program.

WHEREAS, the Future Problem Solvers is an exemplary program that does an excellent job of expertly training some of the best and brightest of Tennessee's youth; and

WHEREAS, in September 1994, 4,500 Tennessee students began their year-long participation in the Future Problem Solvers Program; and

WHEREAS, seventy-two students from Walter J. Baird Middle School participated in the program; and

WHEREAS, in February, during a state qualifying competition, the five top teams from the school were chosen from 18 teams; and

WHEREAS, these top teams were sent to the Tennessee Future Problem Solving Program to compete in the state competition; and

WHEREAS, Three hundred twenty-five Tennessee students received invitations to the State Bowl and Walter J. Baird had four teams that received invitations; and

WHEREAS, the prestigious State Bowl was held in Knoxville, Tennessee, at Farragut Intermediate School on April 29, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the eighth grade team from Walter J. Baird received first place in the Skit Competition; and

WHEREAS, the members of this thoughtful team were: April Roark, Jill Romano, Tatum Ruck, Nashea Turner and Allison York; and

WHEREAS, their highly regarded team coach was Linda McDowell and their successful skit coach was Debbie York; and

WHEREAS, the teams have been strongly supported by Principal Mark Willoughby, Assistant Principal Jim Kidwell, Dean Of Students Ken Berry and the Superintendent of the Lebanon Special School District Andy Brummett; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor this fine group on their hard work and accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Coach Linda McDowell, Skit Coach Debbie York and the Walter J. Baird Future Problem Solvers and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.

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